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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/942,173	YAMAZAKI, TSUTOMU	
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(1) Colin M. LaRose. (3) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Bill Rowland (30,888). (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Interview: 04 February 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

Claim(s) discussed: 1.


Identification of prior art discussed: Bates (U.S. 6,809,741).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Rowland requested clarification of the interpretation of the claimed "groups" with request to Bates. Examiner asserted that a text object in Bates corresponds to a claimed group, where each of Bates' text objects is composed of a single color just as each of the claimed groups is composed of a single color.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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**COLIN LAROSE**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

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